

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of )  
FREITAG et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1762  
Application No. 10/717,128 ) Examiner: CHEN, Bret P.  
Filed: 11/19/2003 ) Attorney Docket No.  
For: A METHOD FOR FORMING A ) HIT1P027/HSJ920030150US1  
HEAD HAVING IMPROVED )  
SPIN VALVE PROPERTIES )  
(as amended) ) Date: December 13, 2006

## AMENDMENT D

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, please consider the following amendments and/or remarks believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.